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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT GEISEL'S MESSAGE TO CONGRESS: PART I:
INTERNAL POLITICS AND FOREIGN POLICY

SUMMARY: TEL TRANSMITS REPORT ON INTERNAL POLITICS AND
FOREIGN POLICY PORTIONS OF PRESIDENT GEISEL'S MESSAGE TO
OPENING SESSION OF NEW CONGRESS. MESSAGE ESSENTIALLY
REVIEWS GOVERNMENT'S ACTIONS DURING FIRST YEAR IN OFFICE
AND REAFFIRMS BASIC POLICY LINES OF GEISEL ADMINISTRATION.
SEPTELS FOLLOW ON ECONOMIC PORTIONS (PART II) AND RELATIONS
WITH US (PART II). END SUMMARY

1. INTERNAL POLITICS. GEISEL BEGAN SPEECH WITH REFERENCE
TO COMMITMENT OF 1964 REVOLUTION TO "BINOMIUM OF DEVELOP-
MENT AND SECURITY", AND BRIEFLY REVIEWED PERFORMANCE IN
THIS REGARD OF PREVIOUS ADMINISTRATIONS: "THE CASTELLO
BRANCO GOVERNMENT WAS AN INCESSANT AND TENACIOUS SEARCH
FOR A VIABLE COMPROMISE BETWEEN THE REQUIREMENTS, BOTH
IMPERIOUS, OF SECURITY AND DEVELOPMENT. COSTA E SILVA
TRIED TO FREE THE COUNTRY, PERHAPS PREMATURELY, FROM THE
RESTRICTIVE IMPOSITIONS OF SECURITY AND SAW HIMSELF
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OBLIGED TO CEDE TO THEM, IN A SHORT TIME. EMILIO

MEDICI, WITH PURPOSES EVEN MORE LIBERAL, WAS CONSTANTLY BROUGHT BACK TO ATTEND TO THE UNPOSTPONABLE NECESSITIES OF THE MAINTENANCE OF INTERNAL SECURITY, WHICH, HOWEVER, DID NOT DIMINISH THE EXTRAORDINARY MARKS ACHIEVED IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE COUNTRY . . ." MAING POINT THAT ECONOMIC AND "PSYCHOSOCIAL" ADVANCES HAD NOT BEEN MATCHED IN POLITICAL FIELD, GEISEL REITERATED DETERMINATION THAT WHILE ECONOMICS WOULD NOT BE NEGLECTED, PRIORITY WOULD GO TO POLITICAL AND PSYCHOSOCIAL DEVELOPMENT.

2. CALLING THE NOVEMBER CONGRESSIONAL ELECTIONS THE MOST IMPORTANT POLITICAL FACT OF THE YEAR, GEISEL PRAISED THEIR OPENNESS AND CLEANLINESS, AND REVIEWED OTHER GOVERNMENT EFFORTS, SUCH AS BROADENED DIALOGUE AND THE EFFORT TO ACHIEVE CONSENSUS IN THE SELECTION OF STATE GOVERNORS, TO CARRY OUT PROMISED "GRADUAL BUT SURE DEMOCRATIC IMPROVEMENT". GEISEL PROMISED ALL "ENTITIES" RIGHT OF "FREE EXERCISE" OF ACTIVITIES WITHIN LEGAL LIMITS, NOTING ALSO THAT GOVERNMENT WOULD REMAIN ALERT T THREATS AND COULD NOT ALLOW UNDUE INTERFERENCE WITH GOVERNMENT RESPONSIBILITIES NOR "IMPROPER OR MENDACIOUS CRITICISM, NOR UNSUITABLE PRESSURES". GEISEL REVIEWED PREPARATORY WORK DONE ON JUDICIAL REFORM, AND WITH REGARD TO INTERNAL SECURITY SAID I APPEAR "BEYOND DOUBT THAT THE GOOD RESULTS OF THE ACTIVITIES OF THE SECURITY ORGANS IN GENERAL PROVIDED ORDER AND TRANQUILITY FOR THE CONSTRUCTIVE WORK OF THE NATION". GEISEL ALSO PRAISED ARMED FORCES FOR HAVING "FULLY CARRIED OUT THEIR CONSTITUTIONAL MIS- SION IN PERFECT IDENTIFICATION WITH THE PEOPLE".

3. FOREIGN POLICY. GEISEL DECLARED THAT HIS GOVERNMENT HAD ADHERED EXACTLY TO ANNOUNCED "CONSTRUCTIVE, PRAGMATIC, RESPONSIBLE, AND ECUMENICAL" POLICY EMPHASIZING ECONOMIC EXPANSION AND THE "SOCIAL PROGRESS" OF THE COUNTRY. HE SAID THAT "DETENTE BETWEEN THE GREAT POWERS SUFFERED ADVANCES AND RETREATS, WHICH EVIDENCED ITS AMBIGUOUS NATURE AND CONTRADICTORY INCLINATION". NOTING WORLD ECO- NOMIC DIFFICULTIES, AMONG THEM A "NEW WAVE OF COMMERCIAL PROTECTIONISM", HE ASSERTED THAT "BRAZIL IS PREPARED TO

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FACE THE CHALLENGES OF THE CHANGEABLE INTERNATIONAL SIT- UATION, AND TO CARRY OUT, WHEN NECESSARY, THE INDISPEFSABWE OPTIONS". WORLD ECONOMIC PROBLEMS, HE SUBSEQUENTLY ADDED, REQUIRED REDOUBLED ACTIVITY TO GUARANTEE MARKET ACCESS FOR BRAZILIAN PRODUCTS, TO OPEN NEW MARKETS, AND TO ASSURE CONTINUED SUPPLY OF RAW MATERIALS, ESPECIALLY PETROLEUM.

4. RE LATIN AMERICA, GEISEL STRESSED UNDERSTANDING, FRIENDSHIP, AND COOPERATION, NOTING PRESIDENTIAL MEETINGS WITH BOLIVIA, CHILE, COSTA RICA, MEXICO, PARAGUAY, AND URUGUAY, AND REITERATED LACK OF BRAZILIAN ASPIRATIONS TO HEGEMONY. HE EMPHASIZED BRAZILIAN DESIRE FOR LA COOPERATION, WHICH HE CALLED "EVEN MORE NECESSARY" TO EXTENT WORLD ECONOMY DETERIORATES AND "MANY OF THE GREAT INDUSTRIALIZED NATIONS" ADOP "DISCRIMINATORY OR PROTECTIONIST TRADE MEASURES", AND HAILED AS EXAMPLES AGREEMENTS WITH PARAGUAY (ITAIPU), BOLIVIA (INDUSTRIAL CENTER AND GAS EXPLOITATION), AND URUGUAY (LAKE MIRIM).

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5. RE UNITED STATES (PARAGRAPH TEXT IN PART III), HE NOTED STRENGTHENING OF "TRADITIONAL TIES OF FRIENDSHIP AND INTERCHANGE", PERSISTENCE OF COMMERCIAL PROBLEMS, EXCLUSION OF "THE FATALISM OF AUTOMATIC OR A PRIORI ALIGNMENTS", AND POSSIBILITY THAT "MULTIPLICATION OF RESTRICTIVE (TRADE) MEASURES" COULD WEAKEN RELATIONS.

6. OAS AFFAIRS GOT ONLY PASSING MENTION OF CHARTER REFORM AND REFERENCE TO MFM WHICH CONSIDERED "THE REVOCATION OF SANCTIONS APPLIED TO A SUSPENDED MEMBER STATE, WITH NEGATIVE RESULTS". GEISEL ASSERTED, HOWEVER, THAT BRAZIL

SOUGHT TO DEEPEN POSSIBILITIES OF COOPERATION IN RE-
ACTING POSITIVELY TO "NEW DIALOGUE" AND WORKING GROUP
ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER. HE ALSO REITERATED
FIRM BRAZILIAN DEFENSE OF PRINCIPLE OF NON-INTERVENTION
IN CONTEXT OF HEMISPHERIC SECURITY.

7. AFRICA DREW LENGTHY REVIEW OF BRAZILIAN SUPPORT FOR
INDEPENDENCE ASPIRATIONS AND CONDEMNATION OF COLONIALISM
AND APARTHEID, RECOGNITION OF (AND ESTABLISHMENT OF
EMBASSY IN) GUINEA-BISSAU, ESTABLISHMENT OF EMBASSIES
IN VARIOUS OTHER AFRICAN COUNTRIES, FOREIGN MINISTER
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SILVEIRA'S TRIP TO DAKAR, DAR-ES-SALAAM, KINSHASA, AND
LUANDA ON BEHALF OF "CLOSE COLLABORATION" (INCLUDING
OFFER OF ASSISTANCE), AND BRAZILIAN SUPPORT FOR
DECOLONIALIZATION IN UN.

8. RELATIONS WITH PORTUGAL, HE SAID, "DEVELOPED WITHIN
A CLIMATE OF FRIENDSHIP, MUTUAL RESPECT, AND OBJECTIVITY";
GOB WAS FIRST TO RECOGNIZE NEW GOVERNMENT AND "TOOK CARE
TO KEEP THE NEW AUTHORITIES IN LISBON AWARE OF BRAZIL'S
ANTICOLONIALIST POSITION".

9. ON MIDDLE EAST, SAID GEISEL, BRAZIL REITERATED ITS
OPPOSITION TO THREAT OR USE OF FORCE, INCLUDING OCCUPATION
OF TERRITORY BY FORCE, AND DECLARED ITS SUPPORT FOR
PALESTINIAN CALLS FOR SELF-DETERMINATION AND SOVEREIGNTY.
GEISEL ALSO MENTIONED VISIT OF SAUDI FOREIGN MINISTER
SAKKAF, AND REVIEWED STRENGTHENING OF RELATIONS WITH
OTHER COUNTRIES OF THE REGION.

10. RE FAR EAST, GEISEL NOTED ESTABLISHMENT OF RELATIONS
WITH PRC, VISIT TO BRAZIL OF JAPANESE PRIME MINISTER
TANAKA (DURING WHICH "IMPORTANT AGREEMENTS" WERE SIGNED),
RE-OPENING OF EMBASSY IN DJAKARTA, AND OPENING OF ONE IN
DACCA.

11. GEISEL'S MENTIONS OF WESTERN AND EASTERN EUROPE
AND USSR EMPHASIZED TRADE (AND ASSERTED WESTERN
EUROPEANS "APPEAR TODAY TO HAVE A BETTER UNDERSTANDING
AND APPRECIATION OF THE BRAZILIA REALITY").

12. REVIEW OF MULTILATERAL (UN) AFFAIRS INCLUDED EXPRESSION
OF CONCERN OVER "STAGNATION" OF WORK ON DISARMAMENT,
ESPECIALLY NUCLEAR, SAYING CONCERN AUGMENTED BY EFFORTS
(OF OTHERS) TO GET DEVELOPING COUNTRIES TO CHANGE POSI-
TIONS AND ADHERE TO DISCRIMINATORY INTERNATIONAL INSTRU-
MENTS. REVIEW ALSO INCLUDED REITERATION OF GOB POLICIES
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